

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

CONFERENCE

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN TOM KEATING**, on April 16, 1999 at 1:30 P.M., in Room 437 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Tom Keating, Chairman (R)
Sen. William Crismore (R)
Rep. Marion Hanson (R)
Rep. Kim Gillan (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Linda Nelson (R)
Rep. Rick Dale (R)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Jeff Martin, Legislative Staffer
Pam Schindler, Committee Secretary

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: HB 420, 4/16/1999
Executive Action: HB 420

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ACTION ON HB 420

Senator Keating called the meeting to order and explained the Senate's amendments regarding changing the date from 12/31/98 to 12/31/99 in their amendments.

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Russ Ritter from **MRI** then informed the committee that if the committee would restore the date back to 12/31/98-**MRI** through negotiations with Butte Silverbow Counties and School Districts,

MRI would reimburse by private contract to the county roughly \$60,000.

Discussion: Rep. **Gillan** did inquire of the committee the fiscal impact this would have regarding reimbursement schemes as to the Dept. of Revenue's plan. **Mr. Ritter** stated he had spoken with Mary Bryson from the Dept. of Rev. and this would not a part of the reimbursement plan from the State. **Sen Keating** remarked for the record: "the price of copper is at such a low level, that this operation is marginal at this point, that if they stop operating then the county and the state and the school districts get nothing if there isn't any production, we have to keep that in mind when we're dealing with this".

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Motion/Vote: SEN. BECK moved HB 420-SENATE RECEDE FROM THEIR AMENDMENTS AND RESTORE BILL TO ORIGINAL HOUSE BILL FORM. Motion carried 6-0.

(Sen. Nelson and Rep. Dale absent but submitted their vote by voice proxy)

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Chairman Keating adjourned the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 1:40 P.M.

Sen. Tom Keating, Chairman

Rep. Marion Hanson, Chairman

Pam Schindler, Secretary

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